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In re: Kakefuda *et al.*  
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For: GENES AND VECTORS FOR CONFERRING HERBICIDE RESISTANCE IN  
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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, which is immediately below the section heading "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION", with the following paragraph:

A This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/426,568, filed October 22, 1999, which claims the benefit, under U.S.C. § 119(e), of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/106,239, filed October 29, 1998; both of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

Please replace on page 1 the section heading which reads "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" with the following:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**